



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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**WASHINGTON STATE IV TECHNICIAN RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**  
**(RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE)**

IV Therapy Technicians must complete the Continuing Medical Educational requirements listed below. BLS topics may be completed in either the *Traditional Method* or through a DOH and MPD-approved *Ongoing Training and Evaluation Program* (OTEP), which includes approved knowledge and skill evaluations. IV Technician Level CME must be completed in a traditional CME method.

**Educational Requirements:**

- 1. Annually complete and document the following required training:**
  - a. CPR and Airway management
  - b. Spinal Immobilization
  - c. Patient Assessment
- 2. In each certification period, complete and document training in the following *required* topics:**
  - a. Infectious disease prevention (annual OSHA/WSHA –approved, agency-required, infectious disease training meets this requirement)
  - b. Trauma
  - c. Pharmacology
  - d. 2 hours of pediatrics
  - e. Other CME for a total of 45 hours.

**Skills Maintenance Requirements:**

- 1. First Certification Period:**
  - a. IV Starts: \*
    - i. First Year of certification - 36 successful IV starts (may not be averaged)
    - ii. Second and third years of certification - 72 successful IV starts (may be averaged over the two years)
  - b. Demonstrate intraosseous infusion proficiency.
- 2. Later Certification Periods:**
  - a. IV starts – demonstrate proficiency annually
  - b. Demonstrate intraosseous infusion proficiency annually

**Examination and Certification Recommendation Requirements:**

- a. Pass the state *written* examination. Three attempts are allowed.
- b. Obtain written recommendation for recertification from the county MPD and submit the completed and signed application to the DOH.

**Description of selected terms used:**

- CPR includes the use of airway adjuncts appropriate to the level of certification.
- Pharmacology: Pharmacology specific to the medications approved by your MPD.
- Pediatrics: This includes patient assessment, CPR and airway management, and spinal immobilization and packaging.
- "IV starts": Proficiency in intravenous catheterization performed on sick, injured, or preoperative adult and pediatric patients. With written authorization of the MPD, IV starts may be performed on artificial training aids.
- Intraosseous infusion: Proficiency in intraosseous line placement in pediatric patients.
- Proficiency: Ability to perform a skill properly, demonstrated to the satisfaction of the MPD.

**(You must document your annual CME and skill maintenance requirements)**

\*If you have completed a certification period as an IV, IV/Airway, ILS or ILS/Airway technician, you do not need to meet this requirement during your first certification period, however the requirements for later certification periods must be met.